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Sannah got onto the school bus to go home after a long and tiring day at school. As usual, the bus passes the boys' primary school which Sannah's only brother Tansar attends. Tansar was two years younger than Sannah. Despite the differences in age, they get on well and spend a lot of time together, even though Tansar's new kitten, Felix, takes up a lot of his time.

As the school bus drove past the school, Sannah could see her brother, as usual, standing with his books in his hand at the school gate.

"Computer room" Sannah said to herself, as she waved at her brother and gave him a slight nod from the bus window. Her brother smiled and gave her a wave too. Whenever Tansar decided to stay behind to go to the computer room, he would wait at the



school gates to let Sannah know that he was staying behind. Tansar loved computers. He had one at home but he always liked using the one in school as it had the Internet and a brand new scanner and it was a lot faster than his computer at home.

"It's good to be home," said Sannah as she placed her bag on the bedroom floor and jumped onto her bed. "Another busy day!" she sighed to herself. She got her books out of her bag and put them on her desk. "Science, mathematics and I/T," she said aloud. "Boring!" She began to do her homework. It was not much, but as she did not enjoy the subjects, she wanted to get her work done and over with.

After a long hour of maths work, just as she reached her final question, there was a knock on her bedroom door. "Assalamu 'Alaikum," said her younger brother as he walked into her room.

"Wa alaikumus salaam," replied Sannah. "Oh no, I cannot help you with your maths homework!" she said as she saw him with his math's textbook in one hand, calculator in the other and a pencil between his lips. "You know I don't like maths. Anyway when did you get back?" she inquired.

"About five minutes ago! Oh please help me, please Miss Pretty please!" he pleaded. "It won't take you long to explain. You're the best sister I have!," Tansar said, trying to persuade her.

"I'm the only sister you have so I have to be the best! OK, right then, here goes, just try to concentrate and listen!," she remarked.

Sannah did explain well and fast but Tansar was always too slow to understand. "No, no! You must times the width by the length to get the area of a square or a rectangle," she tried to explain to her brother who always had a problem when it came to the calculation

of an area.

"How do they expect me to do that? Look, the numbers are so long and big!" said Tansar with a confused look.

Both Sannah and Tansar looked up as they heard a shuffling noise. It was Felix. "That kitten better not get on my bed! I don't want hair everywhere!" said Sannah, as she spotted the kitten peeping from behind the door.

"Please concentrate on my maths, Felix is not troubling anyone!" said Tansar, as he gave his kitten a friendly wave.

"OK, back to maths. That's why the scientists invented such a thing as a calculator, so you can work out long sums!" said Sannah, waving the calculator in the air.



Glossary

Assalamu 'Alaikum

A Muslim's way of greeting a fellow Muslim

Wa-alaikumus Salaam

A Muslim's way of replying to a greeting

Jamaa'ah

A Congregational prayer

Qur'an

The Muslims' Holy Book

Surahs

Chapters of the Qur'an

Imaam

The person who leads the prayers

Dhuhr

The afternoon prayer

'Asr

The mid-afternoon prayer

Wudoo'

A Muslim's way of performing ablution before praying

Questions

1. Did Tansar and Sannah attend the same school?
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2. Which two activities did Tansar love most?
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3. What were Tansar's two friends, Waleed and Haris arguing about?
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4. Who is older? Tansar or Sannah?
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5. How many Jamaa'ah's were being held at the school?
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6. Why did Mr. Fahd want to address the children?
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7. Explain why Tansar preferred to pray alone instead of in Jamaa'ah.
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8. What was Tansar's kitten called and what happened to him?
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9. What is the formula for calculating the area of a rectangle?
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10. Write down three important lessons you have learnt from this story.
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(ii)
(lii)